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Statement by Joseph W. Westphal, U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia –

"The U.S. Government commends the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia for the recent steps it took to sanction 12 Hizballah affiliated individuals, including senior Hizballah military officials, terrorist operatives, and financiers. The United States looks forward to further strengthening our partnership with Saudi Arabia as we work toward the common goal of exposing Hizballah's nefarious activity and disrupting the group's ability to raise and move funds.



"Many of these figures were previously sanctioned by the United States and this action demonstrates our shared focus on targeting this violent terrorist organization and its support apparatus. These designations by Saudi Arabia are yet another example of close U.S.-Saudi coordination on countering terrorist financing in the Middle East and around the world."